IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 73 OF 2005

Vasant Krishnaji More and Ors. ..Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Ors. ... Respondents.

Mr. H.S. Venegavkar for the petitioners.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Assistant Government Pleader, for respondent No.1.

Mr. V.G. Mujumdar for respondent No.2.

CORAM: **DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J.** &
DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.
DATE: **OCTOBER 19, 2005**.

P.C.

In this petition, the petitioners have highlighted serious problem of water shortage in village Katraj, Dist. Pune. The petitioners also mentioned that lakhs of poor people have been suffering because of acute shortage of water in the area.

2. Pursuant to the show cause notice issued by this Court, reply affidavit has been filed by the Deputy City Engineer of Pune Municipal Corporation, Pune. In the affidavit it is mentioned that Pune Municipal Corporation has taken all necessary steps to supply water to

all areas of Pune city including Katraj area to ensure equitable supply and distribution of water.

3. It is stated in the affidavit that the Pune Municipal Corporation has decided to adopt long term measures for improvement of present water supply and to ensure equitable water supply throughout the area of Pune City, including the areas newly added within the jurisdiction of the Pune Municipal Corporation.

4. It is also mentioned that 90 per cent work of laying water pipe line from Vadgaon Raw Water Sumpwell to Water Treatment Plant at Vadgaon Budruk for carrying out raw water has been completed. It is also stated in the affidavit that remaining 10 per cent work could not be completed for want of permission from the Irrigation Department. It is stated at the Bar by the learned Counsel for the Corporation that the necessary permission has been received after filing of this affidavit and the entire project shall be completed on or before 31st March, 2006. In the affidavit it is also mentioned that Maharashtra State Electricity Board has not sanctioned the load. The learned counsel for the Corporation submits that after filing of the affidavit, in principle, M.S.E.B. has agreed to sanction the load. We direct the M.S.E.B. to sanction the load within

two weeks from today.

5. In view of the above, no further directions are necessary in this Public Interest Litigation and the same is accordingly disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.